for the electrification of Shimoga, Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, Seringapatam, Closepet, Dodballapur and several other Towns. Attempts are being made to encourage pumping installations for irrigation purposes within ten miles of the Cities of Mysore, Closepet, Bangalore, Soldevanhalli, Kolar Gold Fields, Bowringpet and other places near the transmission system. Encouragement of the use of electric power for irrigation and minor industries in all these places will constitute one of the main activities of the Department in the future.

18. Government are pleased to note that the working of the Department during the year continued to be satisfactory.

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Tolls.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 8795-814—L. B. 48-25-28, dated the 9th June 1927, passing orders on the Report of the Joint Toll Gates Committee about the Establishment and Administration of Provincial, District Fund and Municipal Roads.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. T. 51—27-28, dated the 18th January 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting proposals regarding fees to be fixed for compounding tolls and exemption of agriculturists' carts carrying manure to or from the fields from payment of tolls.

ORDER No. R. 5942-60—R. M. 9-27-11, DATED THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1928.

In the Government Order read above, Government approved of certain changes in the rules governing the levy of tolls on State Fund Roads and the Schedule of maxima rates was also revised. The question of providing for a system of compounding tolls and for granting exemptions have formed the subject of further consideration and correspondence.

Government are pleased to pass orders as follows:—

1. Rule 1 (*a*) provides that "no toll shall be levied afresh on any cart, etc., passing along a provincial road if within a period of 24 hours computed from sunrise to sunrise a toll has been collected at any toll-gate on a provincial road." It has been brought to the notice of Government that the exemption contemplated in this rule is too wide and that there is no reason why payment of toll fees at one gate on a provincial road should exempt a vehicle or animal from paying similar fees on other sections of the road. Agreeing with this view, Government direct that the rule in question be revised as follows:—

"No more than one payment of toll shall be demanded at any one toll bar, gate or station in respect of any carriage, cart or animal in any one period of 24 hours counted from sunrise to sunrise."

2. With a view to exempt the carts of agriculturists carrying manure, from payment of tolls, rule (*d*) of the revised rules will be modified as follows:—

"(*d*) carts laden with manure or other substance used as manure shall pay toll at the rate prescribed for unladen carts. Provided that no toll shall be levied on carts belonging to agriculturists residing within 5 miles of the toll-gate when such carts are used for carrying manure to their fields."

3. Item 1 of the Schedule of maximum rates appended to the Government Order (Appendix V) is revised as below:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
"1. (*a*) On every four-wheeled motor vehicle constructed to carry less than 10 persons	1	0	0
(*b*) On every other four-wheeled motor vehicle	2	0	0

4. The Joint Toll-gates Committee recommended that action should be taken to provide for the compounding of tolls in the case of provincial toll-gates. Such an arrangement is only necessary in the case of motor vehicles plying for hire. Government therefore direct that it shall be competent to the Deputy Commissioners to recover from the owners of such vehicles in lieu of their liability to pay tolls at the provincial toll-gates, the following composite fee for a period not exceeding one year:—

	Rs.
(1) In respect of every motor vehicle of class 1 (*a*) plying for hire	200 per annum
(2) In respect of every motor vehicle of class 1 (*b*) plying for hire	400 do

5. The rules, as now revised, are appended hereto. They will be brought into force from 1st March 1928 at all the new toll-gates, but will not affect the current year's leases of the older toll-gates.

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